

February 12, 2021

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 W. Jefferson St. Second Floor Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

I'm writing to you as Chair of Surgery to acknowledge my support for the Lutheran General Hospital Surgery modernization project. I have been a long standing member of the Medical Staff and have served in a leadership role for quite some time at the hospital.

The expansion and modernization of the operating rooms will continue to allow me, and my fellow surgeons to provide the tertiary and quaternary care for our community we are privileged to serve. Through the modernization program, we will be able to provide a higher level of care for those who have experienced severe trauma or who have life-threatening health issues such as breast cancer, brain tumors, or heart problems. Also creating larger and private recovery bays will truly enhance the patient and team member experience in such a stressful time in a patient life.

I respectively ask the Illinois Health Facility and Services review board to approve Advocate Lutheran General's Surgery modernization project. The Surgical Modernization Project allows the ability to provide excellent, state of the art technologies to complement the exceptional health care services our community has come to expect and deserve.

Sincerely,

Dr. John V. White

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